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Looking Ahead

A pastor, a college teacher, a Sunday school superintendent and a layman share their objectives for 1957 with our readers in this issue.

These well prepared articles have something to say to each one of us.

VOICE OF THE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH

1956

TO EVALUATE the progress that was made by the church during the year would almost seem presumptuous at this time. The designating of a particular year as more significant than another is difficult, for variations in church life and program are usually brought about by a slower process than most other fields of activity.

Over the past number of years, we as a brotherhood have felt in a new sense the resurgence of missionary interest and endeavor. In a limited way it has affected us in the area of Foreign Missions. Three new fields were entered; Japan, Cuba, and for a short while we were in Israel. Our long established work in Africa has been expanding in new areas, particularly the medical, while India has been extending their borders and purposely planning and developing the field so that if necessary, nationals could carry forward the work.

The Home Mission Board has been busy "pushing off the edge of the eagle's nest," congregations as rapidly as safe and possible so as to enable the cause to move on into new areas, both city and country.

The area most affected by this new resurgence has been the local congregational church unit. Its force was first felt in the Sunday school. Rather suddenly we came to a new consciousness that we should reach forth and bring in, by car, bus or any practical means possible, the unchurched, non-attending Sunday school children of our areas.

With the initiation of Forward Campaigns, new faces began to appear in almost every Sunday school covering the length and breadth of our church. Accompanying this expansion was the "natural uncovering" of weaknesses and defects in our means and methods as related to serving this day and hour.

Some of our church leaders who were active thirty and more years ago, envisioned the day when congregations would assume a role of leadership, rather than what we know as districts. Had they been privileged to join in the General Conference of June 1956, they would have been thankful for the degree of unanimity that prevailed when the decision to establish six districts throughout the brotherhood was agreed upon.

This decision was not a mere hap-

pen-so; neither is it the sign of spiritual decay or laxness. In fact, the opposite is true; responsibility, obligation and opportunity will now affect ministers and laity in a manner not heretofore experienced. Under God, this spirit of spiritual resurgence that has moved in upon us, is simply getting us prepared for a new and enlarging experience in the area of congregational life.

1956 will go down on record as a year of momentous decisions by the Brethren in Christ Church. Its sequel will be 1957 when at the time of the General Conference, choices and decisions will be made that will be equal in import and without doubt exceed in influence the decisions that were made this year.

It is good to remind ourselves that to accomplish the Lord's work, "... is not by might, nor by power, (literally, human means) but by my Spirit, (Power) saith the Lord." This was spoken to Zerubbabel as an encouragement; the next verse says, "Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel, thou shalt become a plain ..."

Veiled

As I cast my eyes about on the walls of my study, something of real note arrests my thinking. The one a picture from the *Buffalo Courier Express*: a mother of two lovely children, the wife of a high school teach-

er, is pictured in an iron lung. Some months ago, this mother, a friend of the family, was stricken by thoracic polio and from the external point of view comes to the close of 1956 with somewhat of a grim forecast on the horizon.

The other is a picture of five widows, with eight small children. A year ago their holiday season was normal. The impact of 1956 and its course of events has drastically affected the lives of these five lady missionaries. They were called literally to give their husbands as living sacrifices that death claimed in the order of things.

Good it is that we walk by faith and not by sight. It is indeed a favor from God that when we begin a day, we do not see through to the end, when we start a month, a veil covers all but the present.

We remember, Jesus said: "As thy days so shall thy strength be."

—J.N.H.

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Looking Ahead into 1957



A Pastor Looks Ahead

Eber Dourte

CONDITIONS which are existing now and have been existing for some time are sure to have a tremendous impact on anything we may expect of the year ahead. Keeping this fact in mind, I propose to bring to our attention things which I as a pastor see, in looking ahead in this year of 1957.

I see a *subtle apostasy in our evangelical churches* that is not recognized as such. What is apostasy?—a falling away—is it not? Is not ignoring the basic principles of Christian living apostasy? Lack of love? Lack of concern? Lack of sacrifice? Lack of self-denial? For whom does the average church member live? Are more souls going to Hell because of false teachers or because of false “livers”?

Is this what Paul had in mind when he wrote in I Cor. 11:30—“Many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.” To be satisfied with myself, and what has been, links too closely with what Jesus called “leaven of the Pharisees.” God calls for Holy living wherein we count not our lives dear unto ourselves.

I see *material prosperity with its accompanying spiritual decay!* “Business outlook in America is good for 1957” they say. What will this do to, or for, the cause of Christ? Is it God’s will that some have so much while others so little? Is it God’s will that His servants have little while many who acclaim blessings from

Christ have much? Shall we be swept along in prosperity to the point where needs no longer touch our hearts.

Recently I learned of missionaries who had gone overseas with pledged backing on the part of individuals to give them adequate support. Christians (?) at home became so involved in their own pursuits that the missionaries became destitute to the point of having not even sufficient funds for postage. At this point my heart cries out, “Dear God, deliver us from the spirit of this present age!” Brethren, is this the will of God for us?

I see *multitudes of church members totally unprepared for eternity!* This causes me grave concern in two areas. There are first of all those good, moral, upright citizens of my community for whom the language of redemption, the transforming grace of Christ, and of power to live victoriously for Christ, are all uncomprehended concepts. Christ is not real to them! Their goodness is only in reformation — not regeneration. Christ’s power of deliverance has never touched them. For these I pray, “God use the people of my congregation to live daily in His power that these may say, ‘Tell us of the secret of your strength.’”

Then too, what of Brethren in Christ members unprepared for the rapture? “He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him.”

*“Must I go and empty handed,
Must I meet my Saviour so,
Not one soul with which to greet Him,
Must I empty handed go?”*

Brother, if we are not bringing souls to the Savior, we are not *ready* for the Rapture.

In this day of dry-eyed, self-satisfied, “looking out for yourself” Christianity, I see a *perishing world without Christ!* What is my parish? Does it have geographical limits? For whom am I really responsible? Could it be true that all whom I could touch, I am responsible for? My farmer neighbor? My city neighbor? My fellow workmen? My fellow student? Could it mean that those I could touch

with my gifts and prayers I also am responsible for?

The only solution to the need of our day is less talk, and more obedience, more weeping over souls and less frivolity, — a vision of good friends damned eternally because we have been too proud and exclusive to gain their confidence and bring them to the Savior. This year the proportion of unreached will increase—unless I do better than last year!

I see the imminent return of our Lord which has been in my thinking much in the past months. Should this fact temper all my plans and activities? I believe so! Prophecies have been fulfilled. In the past months as Egypt and Israel have become involved in conflict, God’s word in Ezek. 29 has caused me to say, “You are at the controls, Lord.” Bless the thought of the Day of the Lord’s return. Well may we say, “Jesus may come today”—this year. Even so, Lord Jesus, come quickly! But then wait a minute — What should I be doing! Watching? Praying? Occupying? Asking men—“Are you prepared for the coming of the Lord”? We tread this year in the fear of the Lord — there is much to be done. The poet’s words may well be applied to 1957:

*“The works which centuries might
have done,
Must crowd the hours of setting
sun.”*

Finally, as I look into 1957, I see myself as a total failure, without God’s daily anointing. What of shepherding the flock? Caring for the Lambs? Of rescuing stray boys and girls? Of leading a people into a world-minded ministry. All these are too great for me!

It is true, God’s spirit has been precious realized in 1956—this cannot suffice for 1957. “Has-beens” can never enable for today’s task. Victories of last week will not suffice for today. “Let us go on . . .” Even for 1957 I believe God for Isaiah 44:3, “I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground . . .”

I shall meet success in this year only in proportion to my emptiness and His fullness. Amen.

Zullinger, Penna.



A College Teacher and 1957

D. Ray Heisey

"EVERYBODY is ignorant, only on different subjects." That's what I find facing me in the year ahead. Those who are "learned" are only learned in some areas of knowledge. Those who are "unlearned" are unlearned only in certain areas. The college teacher is confronted not only with the task of helping to reduce the area of unknown knowledge within a student's experience but also with the responsibility of helping that student to learn how he himself can reduce his own "unknown territory."

We are all in the learning experience, but some are given the task of teaching. And as 1957 comes, we are faced with another year of fulfilling the obligation of helping to lighten little areas of darkness in the lives of fellow human beings, that they too may go on lighting others with knowledge, thus dispelling the darkness of ignorance.

It is with confidence and anticipation that I face the following three challenges in teaching during the coming year.

Every student comes into the classroom with certain undefined and indescribable psychological frustrations. With him this is a need calling for satisfaction. It is a thirst which needs quenching. Perhaps it is expressed in the form of a block to learning or in the form of a lack of appreciation for the subject. It is the teacher's responsibility to bring to bear upon that student every resource available at his disposal to help melt that psychological block or to help neutralize that negative attitude.

If he is in my class and is having emotional disturbances, he is my re-

sponsibility and his problem, whether in the classroom or out of it, should become my problem in so far as it is practicable for me to share it.

"God be in my eyes, and in my looking." Are my eyes focused to the psychological needs of students? Can I sense when someone is in trouble and needs a "parent" or a "big brother"? In my attitude of life and in my classroom behavior, am I providing an emotional atmosphere that will make it easier for students to resolve this psychological need?

A second challenge I find facing me is the spiritual need borne by so many students. If this has none of my interest I might as well be teaching in a public school. But I do have an obligation to Christian youth. There will be many different kinds of opportunities in '57 to help a young person in his Christian walk.

Some students have made further progress than others on the Christian way and as a Christian teacher I should assume the responsibility of discerning the spiritual needs in the classroom and praying accordingly. I also should desire in the year ahead to so live that my life will be an example of a worthy Christian and that in some way the students I meet will be inspired to a deeper commitment to Christ.

Am I careful that in attitudes revealed and in opinion expressed and in conduct shown, there will be only encouragement in the Christian faith and no discouragement for any struggling Christian? Every college teacher in Christian education should remind himself that teaching by example is more powerful and more effective than teaching by exhortation. All of us are teaching *something* and doing *something* for the spiritual needs of students, but *what* are we teaching and what are we *doing*? Now is the time to evaluate.

The other challenge is, what can I do to help the need of students intellectually. There are potential Ketterings, Moodys, and Emersons in those classrooms and whether or not they mature into like useful citizens and Christians is my responsibility as their teacher. The enthusiasm and devotion I have for knowledge and truth will determine how much fire they catch with which to light their talents.

Whether or not some students come into the classroom merely because they have to does not matter so much as does whether they *leave* with that attitude at the end of the semester. What habits of thought and study am I instilling within

them? Have I inspired them to greater learning and study than what can be offered within the confines of one course? In the year facing us, will I be more interested in transmitting facts of a field than in inspiring thinking in a mind?

The "intellectual taste" students have depends upon the kind of "intellectual diet" teachers give them. If "my mind to me a kingdom is," teachers will want to be doing their best to help students explore what is in, and what can be produced in those kingdoms. "God be in my head and in my understanding." May the new year find college teachers accepting these challenges with the best that they have.

However, 1957 is an unknown path, even in teaching. So, "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year,

'Give me a light that I may tread safely

Into the unknown.'

And he replied,

'Go out into the darkness and put your hand

Into the hand of God.

That shall be to you

Better than light

And safer than a known way.'"

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My 1957 Goals

J. C. Cassel, C. P. A.

AN ALERT business man always sets annual goals for his managerial guidance. The Lord's business demands even more consideration. The planning for increased Christian activities and improvements in the quality of spiritual work done calls for prayerful decisions.

I glance backward over past years. That reminds me that prayers for professional success were made. Yes, they were answered. God continues as a partner in the business for 1957. On Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. with other business men, we shall pray that God will prosper our businesses. That is a worthy goal and unselfish. God participates in the resultant increases in profits. The tithes and offerings are His.

Bible study should not be neglected. My goal of performance in such study will mean an allotment of one-half hour each day. Private and family devotions are scheduled for increases.

For church work assignments, I

am planning no further extensions. My objective goal under God's direction calls for more of my time on the promotion of church budgets. Education in the value and effective use of congregational budgets is neglected in our various local churches. The challenge to me is "a simple budget system for every congregation." Where tried, the budget system brings more blessings to the givers and more money for the Lord's work. I am not hoping for the final achievement of the ambitious goal in 1957. But we hope to demonstrate from the experiences of others what budgets



will do for local congregations. Besides, information concerning difficulties encountered in new systems will be released during 1957. Church-wide prayers for the attainment of this goal among our Christian business men will be requested. That would do more than anything else to bring about a complete acceptance of the budget plan.

The layman is also "in the act," in the soul-saving activities of the church. I now feel more keenly that responsibility than I did a year ago. During 1957, my plan is for another trip to the Cuban mission field. I feel the encouragement to the workers and the Cubans amply justify the expenditure of time and money of members from the homeland in such visits.

I am setting my 1957 budget for some direct personal help to bring souls to Christ. To accomplish it, I pledge myself to self-improvement in personal soul winning work. That means research, Bible study, prayer, endowment of the power of the Holy Spirit and joining a class in soul winning, if it becomes available. May 1957 be the year when that burning desire of mine for new knowledge of better methods to "fish for men" will be gratified. Why should I limit God? I will accept the challenge to assist one soul each week to find God as his personal Saviour.

I cannot ignore my time allotment to personal soul saving. During 1957 my Thursday evenings will be devoted to the Inter-denominational Christian Service at the Dayton Workhouse in counselling with prisoners. This work is being conducted under the auspices of the Dayton Christian Business Men's Committee. The success of the work in the past warrants the continuance of it in 1957. The satisfaction of one's soul that comes from engaging in such a greatly neglected work will serve as my further motivation.

During 1957, I will not become discouraged when many take no interest in my Saviour. Nor will I become dismayed over the unfaithfulness of highly trusted new converts. My follow-up work among new converts will be closer. More patience and perseverance will be exercised toward them. If they fall, I will not criticize. I will be the first to receive them, sympathetically with open arms. Further, more contacts with them will be made to assist them in their growth in Christian living. A soul worth saving is also worth nurturing in the ways of the Lord. My more recent realization of my own neglect of new Christians will undoubtedly change my tactics in 1957.

With the imminent return of the Lord, I shall seek new revelations of His glory to my own soul. I shall earnestly look for a deeper knowledge of the "power of His resurrection." I shall be willing to "share His sufferings, even to die as He died, so that I may perhaps attain, as He did, the resurrection from the dead." In 1957, it will be a greater joy to serve my Jesus whom I love so well. He has done so much for me.

Dayton, Ohio

Mr. Superintendent

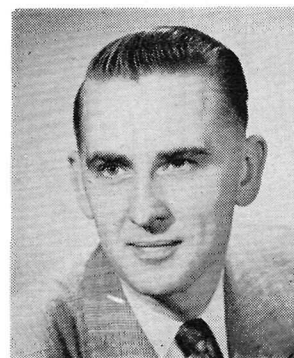
Leslie T. Unruh

WHAT an amazing and wonderful picture—your Sunday school!

You are an important officer of your school, and are God's key to the hearts of your people. You are God's man. His instrument . . . His demonstration.

To your Church you are its educator . . . its missionary . . . its determiner of its own future life and leadership.

Your school is a harvest field for your service to God. The Sunday school enterprise is Kingdom busi-



ness—it is big! You are proud to be a part of it. You delight in its accomplishments. You are challenged by its needs and failures. You are thrilled with its possibilities. And you determine to do your part to see that the purposes of God are fulfilled.

You, as a superintendent, have been chosen by your church to be responsible for the conduct of others in the achievement of a task. You have resting on your shoulders the task of

organizing
deputizing
supervising

the affairs of your school.

Your life, your leadership, your vision, your faithfulness, your consecration—these are God's tools in His business. He will use them skillfully as they are made available to Him.

Pray then for your leadership,
"Lord give me—

A vision of my high calling,

A sense of responsibility to match
the dignity and demands of my
office

A true humility to learn and grow

A joy and satisfaction in my opportunity for service

A song of gratitude for your trust
and partnership—the reward of
your well done.

To build better Sunday schools is your business. God intends you to plan effectively, to mature and grow as an administrator. To plan, promote and build isn't easy. However, if you are willing to prepare in all the ways you can, using all means at your disposal, you can become an effective worker. The price of effectiveness is preparation—intelligent, unceasing preparation.

A lady watching a noted artist draw perfect freehand circles asked him how she could do it. "You must practice eight hours a day for forty years and then it is just as easy as this," said the artist drawing in illustration.

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Alaskan Missionary Remains Despite Death of Husband and Son

A YOUNG WOMAN missionary who helplessly watched her baby son slowly freeze to death and later saw all hope ebb for the safety of her missing husband, has decided to remain and continue their evangelistic work among the nomadic Indians of a lonely Sub-Arctic outpost.

The husband, missionary Albert Kelly, 26, serving with the Central Alaskan Mission, disappeared in a skiff while seeking help after his family was marooned on a desolate island in Glena Bay last November 6. His wife, Vera, 25, was later rescued from a rocky beach with her daughter, Rebecca, 3, where they had been without food or shelter for four days and nights. Nearby lay the frozen body of the Kelly's 4-month-old son, Thomas, a victim of starvation and the bitter Alaskan cold.

Recuperating in Faith Hospital, Glenallen, Mrs. Kelly declared: "My husband may be dead. My baby is dead. But I still have my faith in God. Despite everything, God has been good to us and I want to continue in His service."

(Missionary Kelly was a native of Haddonfield, New Jersey. He and Mrs. Kelly met when they were students at Shelton College.)

A few days after her rescue, Mrs. Kelly wrote a cheerful letter in which she detailed the experience she had undergone and her confidence that her protection was from God. Writing from CAM Field Headquarters, Glenallen, Alaska, November 13, she said:

"This probably seems a formal way of writing this but after a busy day I am quite tired and Mary Schulz, my nurse, has volunteered to type this for me. We left Tatitlek this morning, Debbie and I, and took the plane into Valdez. I had a check-up there and we are now safe and sound in our headquarters at Glenallen. Debbie is in fine condition and my feet are frost bitten. We certainly thank God for His miraculous care over us during this episode. He was very good to us.

"Ten o'clock Wednesday morning we left Ellafar with Jim Paulson, one of our neighboring native boys, heading for Valdez in hopes to make our monthly business meeting. When we reached Glena Bay the most treacherous spot, we looked ahead and saw nothing but large swells



and white caps so decided it would be best to turn back. At that moment our engine clunked out for no reason discernible. We got spark, the filter bowls were not flooded, and the battery was not dead. Because of the hitting swells, the boat was taking in quite a bit of water. Jim continued to pump the boat and Al tinkered on the engine. Finally Al decided to go for help in a small skiff, rowing back to Ellamar. We saw him turn the point riding the swells and have not heard from him since.

"We spent the night on the boat safely and the next day the swells increased in size. One large swell struck the boat and miraculously it crashed into a large rock which was a stepping stone to safety. I wrapped the baby in a blanket and gave him to Jim, and he took the baby and Debbie to safety. I grabbed the sleeping bags and jumped off. I had no sooner landed when another swell swept the boat under, crashing it in pieces up against a little cove. We made our way up the beach and found a shelter of two fallen trees. It was a double mummy bag, so Jim and Tommy slept in one and Debbie and I in the other.

"At low tide the next morning we went back to the boat to salvage some food. The food locker was completely swept out and all we could find was a can of bear meat I had canned. We dragged mattresses back and put them under our sleeping bags for warmth. We had no fire because the matches were wet,

and the hail and snow made it quite miserable.

"The next night Tommy passed away in my arms, while sleeping and is now safe in the arms of Jesus. I am thankful that he did not have to suffer.

"We later found a jar of mustard and catsup which Debbie gobbled up and really enjoyed it. Our other food consisted of some packages of baby cereal and a jar of cranberry apple butter.

"Saturday, the one clear day, we heard a kicker and running to the beach we saw Ken Scoggins, but he was too far in the distance to hear us. We looked for him to return that night, but he did not until the next day when the winds were howling too much to hear him. We started the search, and on Monday morning by chance going down to the beach we saw the *Wrestler*, and I started to blow one of our boat's horns that I had salvaged. They rescued us and took Jim Paulson back to Ellamar safe and sound, and took us to Tatitlek and to the Scoggins home.

"Everyone has been more than kind to us and I feel that through this experience the hearts of the folks of Tatitlek will soften and they will find our Saviour. The Scoggins have promised to do all they can to aid us and even some of the families have said they would send their children to Sunday school. The search is still on for Al and will call you as soon as we hear definite word about him. We know that with all of God's people praying, God's perfect will will be done. If these folks can be won for Christ it will be worth the price. News of Al will determine the rapidity and length of our visit to the States.

"I certainly appreciate your prayers and your loving provision of money for us to come home. We will have a memorial service for Tommy here in Glenallen. How happy I am to know that I will see him again in Heaven.

"I know that you cannot help but worry, but trust you will find comfort through God's word and prayer."

Are You Considering Marriage?

Ray M. Brubaker

PSYCHIATRISTS, doctors, ministers, and self-styled counsellors have had much to say concerning the marriage relationship.

The Bible, too, has a great deal to say about marriage. Too often, however, this Book remains neglected as men have become exponents of theories born of evolutionary thought or worldly wisdom.

In the Scriptures we sometimes find the marriage relationship compared with the Christian experience.

Listed here are at least ten ways wherein we should like to compare the similarities of the marriage relationship with that of Christian profession.

(1) *Both relationships are initiated by a decision.*

The young couple, with the gleam of love in their eyes, stand before their minister. Each in turn answer "I do" to questions that affirm their love and faith toward one another. This decision is binding as long as life itself. The outward oral expression of the marriage ceremony is simply the deeper conviction of the heart.

Likewise, in the spiritual realm one must come to a place of decision. To the question, Will you receive Christ as your Saviour? we must answer "I do" if we ever expect to live the Christian life. One cannot be a Christian without Christ in the heart. Our decision to receive Christ may be oral, but it must be the firm conviction of our heart. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Rom. 10:10)

(2) *In both relationships new family ties are established*

True Love is of such quality that a man willingly leaves father and mother to cleave unto his wife. This is a Scriptural formula for a successful marriage. Former family ties must be severed and remain secondary in importance to the new family relationship being established.

A truly born-again person likewise assumes a new family relationship the moment he places faith in the Lord Jesus. Although once a child of Satan, now he is a child of God. Once a slave to sin, now a servant of righteousness. Once loving this present evil world, now a part of the heavenly kingdom.

(3) *In both relationships TWO become ONE.*



"And they shall be one flesh" is emphasized in both Testaments as concerns the marriage relationship. Spiritually, physically and mentally, the two whom God joins together become one union. This spirit of unity is essential to family growth and development. As the proverb saith: "In union there is strength" so unity is fundamental to the marital structure. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" asks the prophet of Old. Centuries later Jesus answers: "Every house divided against itself shall not stand."

Similarly, in the realm of Christian profession, unity must prevail if spirituality is to be maintained. Our Lord's prayer to the Father was "that they may be one, even as we are one" referring to those who would believe in Him. At Pentecost we see evidence of this spiritual one-ness. For we read: "they were all with one accord in one place."

After referring to Gen. 2:24 which reads, "and they shall be one flesh," the Apostle Paul writes: "This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church." The Apostle asserts we are one in Christ; we become members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. He is the head whereas the church is the body. He is the vine of which we are the branches.

(4) *LOVE characterizes both relationships.*

In marriage, Love for one another establishes the relationship. In the Scriptures both husband and wife are admonished to love one another. To the husbands, in particular, has

God emphasized: "love your wives," while to the wives He admonishes "be in subjection to your own husbands."

A husband's love for his wife will be evidenced in sympathetic recognition of his wife as the weaker vessel. It will create no demands but that the wife in her submissive role will not happily seek to meet. The capacity of the husband to assume this dominant masculine role of loving and cherishing his wife will bring untold happiness to the home.

In the Christian sphere we are likewise reminded: "Love one another for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."

God Himself has played the predominant role of loving mankind and sending a Saviour to redeem us. The Lord Jesus, too, has loved us and voluntarily left heaven's glories to become a sacrifice for our sins. Because Jesus has loved the Church and gave Himself for it, we love Him as well as one another.

(5) *SUBMISSION* characterizes both relationships.

In marriage, the wife is expected to look to her husband for leadership, for the husband is the head of the wife. In the husband's exercise of this role as "head of the home" he must not fail to provide for his wife's happiness, which in turn yields her continued submissiveness.

The Scriptures exhort wives to be in submission to their husbands. But true love finds a mutual submissiveness on the part of both husband and wife. This, too, is Scriptural for we read "submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

Marriage is a mutual recognition of those qualities of love and submission that provide for peace and happiness in the home.

In the Christian walk, as wives are admonished to be subject to their husbands in everything, so the Church is to be subject to Christ. Our submission to Christ is evidenced by our yielding our bodies to Him as living sacrifices, and in not conforming to the world. Christ is to be acknowledged as our Lord, as well as our Saviour.

(To be Continued)

serve its day and perish, but the true Church (of believers) is a part of the Church eternal and celestial.
E. O. Dohner, Supt.

Ground-Breaking at Knifley, Kentucky

WITH A bulldozer on the grounds to signal action, eighty members and friends assembled at the site of the new church at Knifley, Kentucky.

The new church will stand at the edge of the village adjacent to the clinic building (erected 1954) and the Knifley parsonage. It will serve the community which formerly worshipped at Evangel Chapel on Robinson Ridge and Gospel Hall in the town of Knifley.

Evangel Chapel has been geographically isolated for several years and was sold to the Separate Baptists in June, 1956. Gospel Hall has also been sold, but the assembly room will be used by the congregation until the new church is ready for occupancy.

With the singing of "How Firm a Foundation" and "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand" the long-anticipated church project was launched. Field Superintendent E. O. Dohner spoke fitting words for the ground-breaking ceremony: "digging down that a new and greater creation may tower above—a principle that is true in much of life."

Brother J. C. Holcomb, Senior Steward, turned the ceremonial shovel of earth.

The brief, impressive service permeated a contagion of enthusiasm. Sharing in the service were Pastor P. B. Friesen, the trustees, and several senior members who gave inspirational testimonies. Arnold Denton, J. C. Holcomb, and James Feese serve as a Building Committee.

The assembly was reminded of fruitage of God's grace from earlier labors in the area: Mrs. Eva Schock, Hummelstown, Pa., who was the first Brethren in Christ member in the area; Beulah Arnold, R. N., serving a second-term on the mission field in India; Mrs. Nina Schmucker, pastor's wife at Collingwood, Ontario. Others are serving the Lord in other places and some have gone to their eternal reward.

The service concluded by singing "The Church's One Foundation" and prayer invoking God's blessing on the building program. May this endeavor unite and build the "Church" of believers even more than the church of wood and stone. It will

Testimonials at Knifley Ground-Breaking

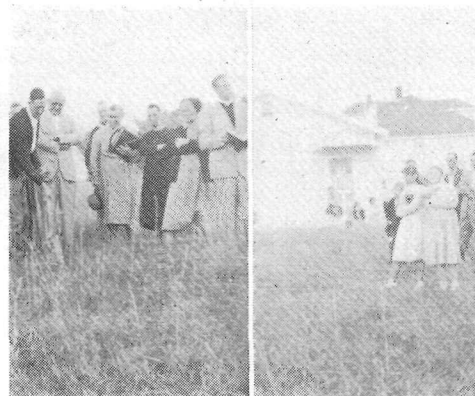
"We need this church: The folks that say Gospel Hall is good enough don't have to climb those rickety stairs and be in cold classrooms in winter."

"This summer a lady from Illinois (who was formerly under this teaching here) stopped at our home and said, 'I want a B. in C. minister to come start a work where we live in Illinois.'

"A girl came to the altar some years ago. God was calling her. She backed off saying, 'The price is too great, I can't pay it.' But the saints encouraged her until she said yes. Since then, she has been serving in mission work."

"It is really wonderful what the church means to me. Nobody told me to join it—the Lord told me!"

"Twenty-five years ago this month I joined the church, and I was so happy I didn't know what I was doing. I didn't believe husband and wife should be separated (he had joined several years earlier) but I could not see the covering. I prayed and prayed by a stone down at the barn, and the Lord made it clear. Mission workers Leah Dohner, Dorothy Lexow, and Brother and Sister Paul George helped me so much. My folks opposed me then but they don't now. It isn't pride, but I'm so glad I'm in this church and so thankful we are going to have a new one. I believe the Lord is in it."

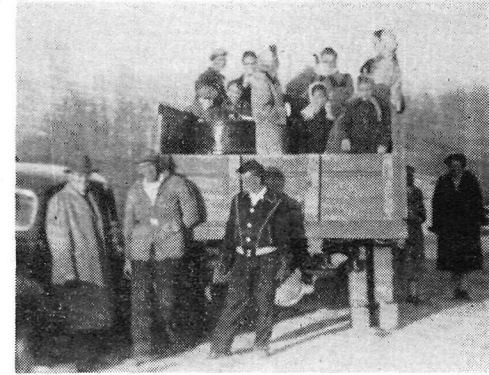


Site of the new church is next to the new clinic building. The parsonage is in the background.

DISPATCHES

From the Front Lines

North Star Mission, Saskatchewan
"Prayer meetings are conducted weekly at Candle Lake now. Meeting in the school house there, the Lord is working among us.



Going to Candle Lake prayer meeting.

"Homes are opening their doors as well as their hearts. Will you pray for personnel to carry the administrative work of a Sunday school at Candle Lake."

Saxton, Pennsylvania

November was a month of much activity and blessing. Not least among activities was a wedding ceremony, first one for Pastor Glen Hostetter.

Points Everywhere

Prayer for missions is not exciting nor always interesting, but it is often the only way you can help us.

It is good discipline and also a good investment in the product that counts most, souls for the kingdom.

uMfundisi Dlodlo in Hospital

Those who have heard about uMfundisi Dlodlo's failing eyesight will be interested to hear that under date of September 11, his daughter Marina writes: "My father was sent to the hospital [very likely, to Bulawayo] on the 7th on Friday. He has trouble with his eyes. It is hoped that he will stay in the hospital for six or more weeks. We hope he will receive help. Help us in praying for him."

Evangelical Visitor

Meet the Wanezi Bible Women

IMAGINE THREE busy African mothers taking time to enrich their minds and spiritual lives along with their husbands. These compose the class of Bible women.

When we use the word "busy," we are thinking of two of our Bible Women devoting five hours each school day morning to the teaching of African boys and girls. Naka Isabel, the wife of Assistant Overseer Sabanda of the Wanezi area, has a family of seven children, the youngest of whom is one year and 9 months of age. Her oldest daughter is a student at Mtshabezi, and so is unable to help her Mother much of the year. Their home does not have the labor-saving devices we consider essential. Her husband is enrolled in the Wanezi Bible Institute and is home very little during the nine month period.

Naka Edgar Moyo, who carries the same teaching schedule as Naka Isabel, is the wife of the head teacher of Wanezi Mission Central Primary School. Her three oldest boys are in school at Matopo Mission. She also has a family of seven children. Might you be interested in their names? They are: Edgar, Edwin, Edward, Edna, Edmond, Edlyne, and Edlue.

Bina Gladys, wife of Overseer Mudenda of Macha Mission area, with her husband brought their two youngest children south while the three oldest are at their home near the Mission. This takes real consecration as it is difficult to keep some one reliable to take care of the children. She formerly taught for a period of fourteen years.

The spirit of these women is most admirable. They are eager to learn—anything, everything that is good—how to be more effective Christian Workers' wives, how to study the Bible, how to give First-Aid, how to cook, what is going on in other parts of the world—yes, everything good is of interest to them. Since we are unable to speak Sindabele, it is necessary for them to know English. Our accent and pronunciation differ; we must sometimes move quite slowly to be sure we understand each other.

We forget that our color and background is different. In them we see Solomon's description of a virtuous woman, "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness."

Lucille Lady

From the Mail-Bag

Cuba

"We greatly appreciated our brethren from the States who came at God's bidding and brought inspiration and blessing to our people: Rev. and Mrs. Harry Hock and Rev. and Mrs. DeGrandchamp of Michigan. They were here five days and during that time we had four services besides Sunday school. We saw a number seek for more of God and some sought to be saved for the first time. God truly is working in our midst. We broke all records in Sunday school when they were here, with 117 present.



Pearl Wolgemuth

"About two weeks ago we called to our home a group of young people, whom we divided into three teams to distribute tracts over our town. Over a thousand good Spanish tracts had been sent to us free; they were very impressive and contained the whole message of the Gospel, and we wanted everybody in our town to receive this message. We contacted 475 homes. Nearly all accepted the tracts, but several tore them up and we are continuing to pray for every one who received the tracts. Our young people enjoyed doing this so much that, as soon as October rains are over, we will cover other villages nearby with tracts also. God has promised that His Word shall not return void. *Help us pray!*"

Howard and Pearl Wolgemuth

Africa

"The Location services are really most encouraging. The attendance varies from week to week, but it seems that almost every Sunday one sees some new faces. Two weeks ago



Velma Brillinger

there were 92 at the Lobengula service—a new high. Both Obed and Jeremiah Ndlovu were there that day, though Obed hasn't been very regular in attendance as a rule . . . You likely heard that Timothy and Tema Ndlovu were taken back into church fellowship the other week. They have been so faithful in attendance. Samuel Mlotshwa is a great help both in Sunday School and in the main service at Lobengula.

"At Western Commonage, Lazarus and Abbie Dube are among the most faithful. We had our first Communion Service on October 7th with 26 present—a very good service. All are eagerly looking forward to the time when we will have our own church building. They hope to get started at it soon."

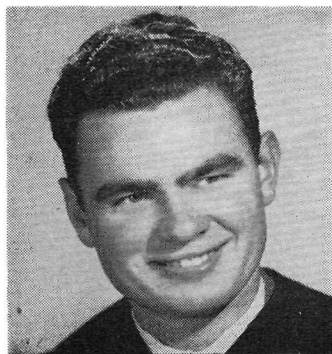
Velma Brillinger, Bulawayo, S. Rho.

"The first year of Bible School will be closing December 2. Overseer Mudenda will be the only graduate. He formerly took school work at Union Bible Institute at Sweetwaters in the Union.

"Sunday, the Bible School plans to start Gospel Team visitation to villages and mining areas, using the young people. We developed the idea in our women's class, but the men will be largely carrying out the task, although we hope to help. They seem to think there is quite an opening in that area and we will appreciate your prayers as they go forth. Jesse has high regard for the pastoral ability of our Assistant Overseer.

"November 9, Jesse is to speak to an Interdenominational Group at Bulawayo as a follow-up of the Oswald Smith Campaign a year ago."

Lucille Lady



Peter Willms

Japan

"We are in Kobe now in language school for a year and enjoying our study very much. It is so good to have the Books in Hagi; they are really getting a taste of mission life now for they have to shoulder the responsibilities and burdens of the work while we are gone. How happy we are for the prospects of the Graybills' coming and how eager we are to meet them!"

"The work in Hagi seems so slow and, when compared to some other areas, it seems that we've made very little progress in three years. Some are interested for a time but then lose their zeal. But God's joy and courage is always ours."

Mary Willms.

[They on the rock are they, which when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. Luke 8:13] Thus spoke the Saviour of those described in the paragraph above. It ought not to be a description of our missionary zeal! Let us not forget to pray for the work in Japan. M.C.K.]

To all my Visitor friends,

It has been wonderful being home since August 1955. The rich experiences of attending Messiah College Winter Term, doing itinerary work in the churches to the South, then in Saskatchewan, the west and mid-west, meeting the church folk, substitute-teaching for three months, and all the fine visits will remain as fond memories as I return to the Lord's work in Africa.

Upon leaving Africa I told my friends I would return if it was the Lord's will. The Lord has directed in the plans for my return and I am trusting Him to guide in the future.

Knowing at least some of the problems I shall be facing does not dampen my enthusiasm to again help with the work in Africa. The benefits of winning souls to Christ far exceed any griefs caused by hindrances which may come before us. God's promises are mine, and I delight in leaning on them.

May I ask that you pray as we carry the Word to those we love in far-away Africa? A big thanks to you for your kindness and love shown me on my furlough!

In Christ,
Anna Graybill



Anna Graybill

If You're Travelling in Mexico

San Juanito is more accessible than may be thought. One can drive on paved roads to within 80 miles, and from there the train offers service. Visitors are welcome. Write to us (use a regular three-cent stamp) and we will meet you in Chihuahua, if you wish, and escort you to San Juanito. Tourist permits good for six months may be obtained at the border for \$3.00 and newcomers should have no trouble in crossing. Travel is cheap in Mexico.

Among our visitors have been the following: J. Weldon Martin and Llewellyn Groff, two Mennonite Brethren church members, investigating a site for a mission, stayed with us in San Juanito one night.

A group from MCC (Cuahtémoc) visited us during their vacation. There were nine in the group. We gave them our apartment.

A group of young people from Cascade College (a holiness college in Oregon) came with one of the professors and his wife to help with the summer work of the mission. The two wives in the group cooked for the three boys and the professor. The men sawed the fire-wood, cared for the animals, hoed weeds, and helped with the work of the church. From early to dark they worked, and their sincere, cheerful presence was a blessing.

A travel group to Mexico, sponsored by MCC is expected to send three or four girls to San Juanito for a week or two as part of their work camp experience. The girls will probably sew, or do other manual labor.

Needs

Prayer—Sometimes, when the clouds were heavy, one has wondered, "Are people praying for Mexico?" Lack of knowledge of the work has probably meant less prayers; however, if the Lord lays Mexico on



Harriet Trautwein with the three sisters who are teachers in the private day school at San Juanito: Beatriz, Dorcas and Rebecca Valdez.

your heart, remember to pray. It has been a very difficult year; spiritual results have seemed few, and the most urgent needs are those which we cannot express here.

Our needs are supplied by faith. God allows testings, but He has supplied and we believe He will continue to supply. Thanks to those who have in love remembered us, with prayer and with offerings. May God bless you! Pray for Mexico.

Harriet Trautwein and Lois Raser



Ruth Hunt

The Mtshabezi Reporter writes that—

their building program is moving along rapidly. The Teacher Training building is being plastered. Most of the other new buildings are under roof. The new "Ladies Lodge" is only at the foundation stage. It is being placed directly behind the office, which is to be torn down.

Brother Frey is glad for a few weeks' help from Bob Lehmanns. The Lehmanns are an inspiration to have around. He preached the Harvest meeting sermon yesterday: "Thank you, God"—Habit or Heart Cry?" The title almost floored the interpreter, but after they got past that, they got along nicely.

The Harvest offering amounted to £28 10s. God is speaking to our teachers and we are so thankful to see them respond.

—Ruth Hunt

Evangelical Visitor

Our Christian Colleges

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, Famed Literacy Leader, Speaks on Upland Campus

Chooses Upland College As West Coast Training Center

DR. FRANK C. LAUBACH, world famed pioneer in teaching adults to read and write as a step toward self-improvement, spoke before the student body in the College Chapel on November 26.

He brought with him examples of the word-picture charts which he first developed in 1930 and which have been used to teach people to read and write in 262 different languages and dialects.

Dr. Laubach's visit here was part of his nationwide tour as honorary president of World Literacy, Inc., voluntary organization whose purpose is to help liberate human beings the world over from the darkness of illiteracy.

During the past 26 years, Dr. Laubach has helped to fight illiteracy in 91 countries. His slogan, "each one teach one," has been the keynote of intensive campaigns to reduce illiteracy in many parts of the world, and he has been a consultant to United Nations agencies and to many governments requiring technical assistance in tackling their illiteracy problems.

He brought to his audience here a first-hand report of progress now being made against illiteracy in countries where as few as ten per cent of the adults can read and write. During the past year, he has observed literacy work in Greece, Iran, Libya, the Philippines, Spain, Sudan, Turkey, Vietnam, India, Pakistan and other countries.

Born in Benton, Pennsylvania, in 1884, Dr. Laubach studied at Perkiomen Seminary, Princeton University and Union Theological Seminary and received his Ph.D. at Columbia University. Until he reached the retirement age in 1954, Dr. Laubach worked under the sponsorship of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

The occasion for Dr. Laubach's appearances on the campus was part of a trip to the West Coast to make a larger number of Christian people

aware of the possibilities for Christian witnessing to the billions who cannot read. If Dr. Laubach's method of "each one teach one" can be put into practice, many can be taught about Christ in a comparatively short time.

Dr. Laubach was also searching for a Christian college in the West to train more people. He has asked Upland College to serve as this training center. Plans and negotiations are now being worked out so this may become a reality.

John Z. Martin

Whither Bound?

THE ARBITRARY divisions of time which bring New Year, the first day of the month, and the beginning of a day, serve a useful purpose in that they give a pause, an opportunity to take our bearings.

This New Year pause would serve us well if we called to mind something of the past. Have we achieved our objectives? How have we steered the course we set for ourselves? Have we realized our New Year's resolutions? Or, have the firm resolves we vowed to carry out with great courage, evaporated under the withering realities of the experiences of the year? These are questions we may well ponder as we set our course for the New Year. It is axiomatic to say that we need our past to give us perspective for our future.

We are interested in the question "whither bound?" as it concerns Christian Higher Education. Willy-nilly youth will attend school. Also, willy-nilly, some teachers will be found in the schoolroom. Compulsive as these reasons may be, they are inadequate.

As Christian students we are interested in securing the kind of instruction which will fit us into God's special place for us. As Christians instructors we are interested in helping prepare youth for that special place of service and at the same time fulfilling our own calling. It is toward this goal that we have set our course.

We then move forward with confidence knowing that our course is clearly set and that we have the assurance of the presence of a wise Guide ever at our side in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

H. H. Brubaker

Messiah Experiences Revival

DURING the week of October 20 to November 4 revival services were held at Messiah College with Brother Erwin Thomas as evangelist. The weeks preceding saw preparations being made for these services including much prayer, instructive chapel periods, and personal contacts.

Brother Thomas is a man who truly loves the Lord, and who has an understanding of young people and their spiritual problems. The presence of God was felt each night as His message was given to us. A number of the students yielded to the call of God, and others were drawn to a closer, more complete relationship with our heavenly Father.

ECHOES from the sermons—

It is important that we become linked together with Christ, having Christ as the cornerstone. . . . As Christians we should grow upward. . . . Can we see on the central cross the Christ who loved—loved so much He was willing to lay down His life for sin? . . . God works where people will let God work. . . . If we keep our eyes on the Son of God we can grow and develop into Christian maturity.

ECHOES from the testimonies—

I want to thank the Lord for what He has done within my own heart. . . . I have been drawn closer to Him. . . . I am thankful for answered prayer. . . . Just this day He spoke peace to my soul. . . . So thankful that the Lord has saved me. . . . My happiest days are when I am closest to my Lord.

Messiah College Activity Calendar

Nov.

1 & 2 Clarion Staff photographer was on campus taking pictures for Yearbook

8 Mr. William Fairlamb, from Lebanon Valley College, was the pianist at the first Music-Lecture Series

13 Student Missionary Circle meeting with Jay MacKie as speaker

21-25 Thanksgiving Vacation

27 Rev. Richard Helverson, director of International Christian Leadership, was guest speaker in Chapel

28 College Platform Arts presented a comedy in one act, **The Greener Grass**

30 End of Christmas card sales by the Academy Forum

CHURCH NEWS

Rosebank, Kansas

Our annual love feast was held Nov. 3. Bro. Earl Sider and Bro. Henry Miller were with us and brought inspiring and searching messages.

On Sunday morning, Nov. 4, Bro. Elwood Flewelling was with us and brought the message, which was the beginning of our revival effort which continued through Nov. 18.

Our hearts were inspired and challenged by the messages brought by our brother, as he preached under the unction of the Holy Spirit.

Different ones expressed their need and as conditions were met, they felt God filled that need and they testified to victory. The saints here have been encouraged to press and pray on.

We had services Thanksgiving Day, we felt the presence of the Lord in our midst.

Franklin Corners Church, Illinois

On Nov. 3rd and 4th was our Love Feast. Rev. Paul Book and Rev. Jesse Hoover from Indiana were with us.

Rev. M. Krikorian, Phila., Pa., was with us. Since he is from what was formerly Armenia his messages were informative and a real blessing. He spoke on the 23rd Psalm two nights and Bible Prophecy the last night.

On Nov. 12 Rev. Walter Winger spoke. Our fall revival was held from Nov. 26 through Dec. 9th. Rev. Harry Hock from Leonard, Mich. was the evangelist. His messages were spirit-filled and soul-searching. The Holy Spirit worked, souls were helped and several sought God for a closer walk.

Mrs. F. A. C.

Locust Grove, York, Pa.

The past few months have been times of refreshing in the Lord and special activities.

October 7 was our Harvest Praise service. Rev. Paul McBeth was our guest speaker.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 14, Harry Bert of Newburg, Pa., shared his experiences with us. He has recently returned from Peru, where he spent his I-W term of service working on a project for R. G. Le Tourneau. He showed pictures and explained the work of PAX boys in Peru.

Sunday evening, Oct. 21 was the time of our commemorating the death and suffering of our Saviour.

A big event for the congregation at Locust Grove was the return of one of our missionaries. On Friday noon, Oct. 26, Sr. Edna Lehman arrived by boat in Boston, Mass., returning from her second term of service in South Africa.

On Sunday morning, Nov. 9, we had a special "Welcome Home" service for Edna. She spoke to us briefly, and then Bro. I. W. Musser, who has just returned from a visit to Africa, spoke on the subject "Thorns and Roses in the Life of a Missionary." The following Wednesday evening, many friends and community folk joined us during our regular prayer meeting hour to hear Edna report on "Why I am glad I spent the past seven years in Northern Rhodesia." She also shared with us a tape recording of a service of the Jubilee Conference at Macha and showed pictures of various phases of mission activity.

Mrs. Chester Wingert took us to the various mission stations in Africa, where by word and pictures, she sparked anew our interest in the African mission field.

On Nov. 11 the Christ's Crusaders of New Guilford presented a program for us. The subject was "Prayer" and many challenging thoughts were given. Their pastor Bro. Charles Rife brought the evening message.

Nov. 25 to Dec. 2 was the time of our revival. Bro. Henry Hostetter was our evangelist. We believe he was faithful in delivering God's messages to us. We are glad for the working of the Holy Spirit among us, especially among our young people.

F. E. L.

Nottawa Congregation, Ontario, Canada

Sunday, Sept. 16th, and the two successive nights Rev. Arnold Ziedler, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Rev. Walter Atchison, Seattle, Washington, converted Jews, were present to speak concerning "The Jewish Day of Atonement," and "Signposts to the Return of Jesus Christ." An illustrated talk was given showing the way the Jew dresses to worship. The man is the worshiper in the Jewish household.

Friday night, Sept. 28th and Saturday and Sunday 29th and 30th was the time of our Fall Love Feast. Rev. Walter O. Winger, Grantham, Pa., was our guest speaker.

Thursday night, Oct. 25th the Christ's Crusaders featured Rev. Penny of the Presbyterian Church at Singhamton, Ontario, as guest speaker for a Rally.

Nov. 3rd and 4th was the time of our Annual Bible Conference beginning a two-week Revival Meeting with Bishop Henry N. Hostetter, Washington Boro, Pa., as our evangelist. Dr. Claude A. Ries of Houghton College, N. Y. shared with Bro. Hostetter the Bible Conference sessions. Eldon Fretz, Ray Wideman, Bruce Vanderbent, and Murry Winger rendered the special music for the Bible Conference. They came from Gormley, Ont. The Nottawa Chorus rendered two numbers in song.

During the two weeks of meetings we were challenged by the messages we heard from our Brother. We learned much more about our Foreign Mission Work from the talks and pictures on mission work in India, Africa, Japan and Cuba. We also were privileged to see pictures taken in the Holy Land.

The children enjoyed the interesting talks that Bro. Hostetter had for them in the Sunday School and also the various nights in the week. Several responded to the invitation of salvation and a closer walk with the Lord. A number of hands were raised for prayer.

On Friday evening, Nov. 30, Rev. Graber, Goshen, Indiana, spoke to us concerning MCC and Relief work around the world.

E. G. S.

Hollowell, Pa.

The fall revival campaign at Hollowell with Ray and Darlene Brubaker was singularly marked by the moving of the Lord. Our congregation was in need of God's quickening. Travail and heart searching on the part of the saints, coupled with Bible Messages on the days we live in—the coming of the Lord—the need for holy living and seeking God, moved many to confession and repentance. Real conviction that led to sleeplessness, and caused some to return to the altar to seek God after they had gone out of the church was evident. To God be all the Glory!

On November 25, following the revival, nineteen souls followed the Lord in baptism, six of them men. This brings to a total of twenty-eight the number baptized this year. Praise God for these victories.

New Guilford Congregation, Chambersburg, Pa.

On November 4 Bro. Harry Bert spoke in our evening service of his trip and work in Peru, South America, and showed pictures.

At our Missionary prayer meeting Bro. and Sr. Ross Morningstar told us of their work at Clear Creek, and concluded with a message by Bro. Morningstar on "No man cared for my soul."

We praise God for giving us a great revival from November 25 to December 9. Rev. John Schock from Va. brought messages through the power of the Holy Ghost, which were simple, heart searching and thrilling! Many souls were blessed to overflowing! There were those who knelt at the altar for forgiveness and sanctification, and God witnessed to their souls. The last night there were over twenty seekers, and among these, was a young couple who sought the Lord for the first time. We pray God to keep on leading each one in the right ways. We were glad for the Spirit, and power in prayer, especially in the Sunday afternoon prayer meetings, and in the groups 15 minutes before service six nights a week. There were two adult groups and as many as 25 met in the young people's group for prayer. We were also glad for the messages in song by the Ambassadors Quartet, Air Hill Octet, Community Male Chorus of twenty, and Rev. John Roland, besides local groups. Bro. Roland also spoke to the children two evenings, and Sr. Audrey Dearn-dorff told them a story on "Giving."

We trust that the gospel seed that has been sown in this revival will keep on growing, and bring forth fruit until Jesus comes.

C. F. W.

Mastersonville, Pa.

The Lord again met with us during our Nov. 11-25th revival services. As the saints prayed and the Holy Spirit tenderly moved, Bro. Harry Hock was used as God's channel to stir up the spiritual fires in our churches of the district.

As for numbers, those who sought the Lord at a church altar, there were 15 to 20 persons, besides many others who grew spiritually as the meetings progressed.

The messages were especially directed to move hearts to carefully cherish any spark of conviction to move Godward.

Through our prayer meetings and worship services, we desire to keep our lamps filled with oil, trimmed, and burning until the Lord comes. Pray for us.

N. L. W.

Financial Report

Walsingham Center, (Ontario)

THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL

Receipts

Local receipts	\$ 321.55
Church at large	193.92

Total Receipts	515.47
Less Deficit June 31, 1956	219.22

Total Cash Available	\$ 296.25
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Expenditures

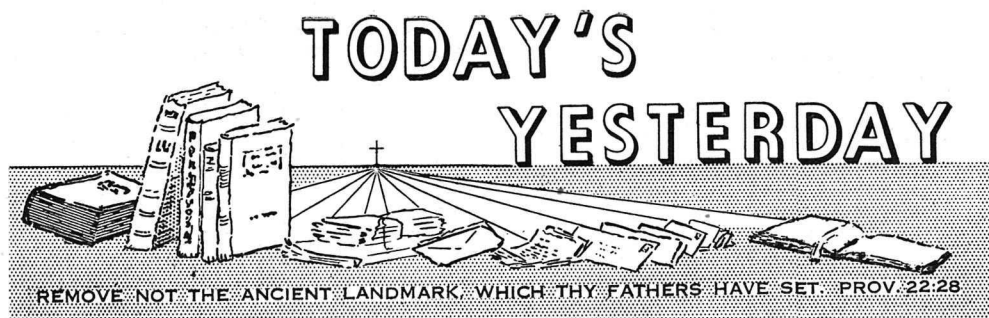
Groceries	\$125.40
Oil	17.22
Telephone	13.15
Hydro, Home and Church	25.19
Maintenance	1.69
Transportation	185.80
To M. C. C.	6.78
Office and Misc.	14.64
Offerings for Speakers	17.90
Tent Meetings	74.85

Total Expenditures	\$ 482.62
Deficit, October 1, 1956	\$ 186.37

Evangelical Visitor

Hungarian Relief

The Peace Relief and Service Committee requests funds to help meet the emergency in Hungary. This crisis was not anticipated in the budget. To meet the need they ask for contributions over and above the budget allotment. Send offerings to Clair Hoffman, Treas., Florin, Pa.



Revival Meetings

R. I. Witter, Valley Chapel, Ohio, Jan. 6-., Harry Hock, Chambersburg, Pa., Jan. 6-., R. I. Witter, Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 2-16, J. N. Hostetter, Cedar Springs, Pa., Jan. 6-20, John Schock, Manheim, Pa., Jan. 6-20, Harold Paulus, Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 29-Dec. 9.

Guest Speakers

Ralph Wenger at New Guilford, Dec. 16, J. N. Hostetter at Clarence Center, Dec. 16, Rev. and Mrs. Joe Smith at Upland, Dec. 9, Harvey Musser at Chambersburg, Dec. 2, Samuel Wolgemuth at Zion, Dec. 5, Royce Johnson at Carlisle, Nov. 18, H. N. Hostetter at Pequea, Nov. 25, Cyrus G. Lutz at Pequea, Dec. 9.

Bulletin - Bits

Earl Wolgemuth from Pa., arrived at the Navajo Mission, New Mexico during the latter part of November to assume the work of maintenance worker for the mission post.

A Missionary Conference was held in Southern Ohio, Dec. 14, 15, 16. Speakers included, Mr. and Mrs. Abram Brechbill, Edward Hackman, Mrs. Joel Carlson, Henry N. Hostetter and Albert Engle. Missionary Conferences, by the same staff, were also held in Northern Ohio and Indiana.

Albert Engle and the Gospel Team from Messiah College were recent visitors to the Adair Mission field in Kentucky.

C. W. Boyer reports, "greatly crowded conditions" in the small mission Sunday School in Cincinnati, Ohio. November's average attendance 43. Larger quarters are needed.

The Women's Missionary Prayer Circle of Elizabethtown, Pa., had a missionary doctor to Ethiopia, C. Rohrer Eshleman, M. D. speak to the congregation, Dec. 12.

Clark Hock was ordained to the ministry Oct. 14. The ordination service was held at the Carlisle, Pa., church. He is now pastor of the Union Grove Church in Indiana.

Zion, Kansas reports the tragic death of Lamar Engle. Death resulted from an automobile accident.

Valley Chapel, Canton, Ohio

There was an installation service Aug. 1 for our new pastor and wife Bro. and Sr. David Wenger of Chambersburg, Pa. We are glad for their consecrated services in our community here. Sister Wenger has started a Good News Club in her home Monday afternoons and Rev. Wenger is conducting an Evangelical Teachers Training Course of twelve weeks. Thirteen are enrolled.

Valley Chapel Sunday School, under the leadership of Supt. Elsie Bechtel, went "over the top" for Rally Day with an attendance of 146.

The featured exercises of the day were, the sermon by D. Ray Heisey, a former Valley Chapel boy who is at present on faculty

The early records of the Brethren in Christ Church evidence a serious concern for evangelism and missionary outreach. Presented herewith is the beginning of a chronological summary of some of the important official actions in this connection, compiled from the General Council (Conference) Minutes.

1871

Art. VII.—Decided: That the several churches shall instruct their deacons to collect money by voluntary contributions in their respective districts, as a general missionary fund, to remain unappropriated; subject to the action of the next general council.

1872

Art. XII.—Decided: That a board of missions be appointed, consisting of one member in each district, to take charge of the spread of the gospel in localities heretofore unacquainted with the doctrine as taught by the church.

1873

Art. IV. — Decided: That the Board of Missions be continued and

that the ministering brethren be encouraged to go out into the various sections to preach the gospel; and it is provided that the money collected throughout the church (Art. 7, 1871), be sent to Brother Levi Greybill, at Orville, Wayne county, Ohio. Said money shall be held subject to call; condition of said fund to be reported annually at general council.

Notes: It is not clear from the records whether the personnel of the Mission Board referred to in 1872 and 1873 was appointed by General Council or by the respective districts. There is no evidence that the Board was responsible for report to Council. It seems probable, therefore, that the term, "Mission Board," was used rather loosely in 1872 and 1873 to refer to district appointees who, for the most part, functioned individually rather than collectively in the promotion of mission work. As will appear from the next edition of "Today's Yesterday," the true forerunner of the present mission boards was created in 1874.

of Messiah College, and singing by a Menonite chorus.

A good "Sunday School Spirit" was evident as community and friends gathered with us to make this a "red-letter day."

We enjoyed having Bro. and Sister Roy Mann, returned missionaries, with us one Sunday this fall, and we felt especially favored by having a Missionary Conference and Rally this past week end Dec. 8 and 9th here at Valley Chapel as well as at the other Churches in Northern Ohio. Those who participated were: Bishop Henry N. Hostetter, and Eld. Albert Engle, Bro. and Sister Abram Brechbill, Sister Joel Carlson, and Eld. Edward Hackman.

Our revival opens the 6th of January with Bishop Ray Witter in charge and we ask your prayers for this meeting.

L. F. H.

DEDICATION SERVICES

January 6, 1957

Brethren in Christ Church

301 Maple Avenue

Hanover, Pennsylvania

Forenoon Service: "The Church's Foundation"

Earl Witter, Rev. Albert Engle, Rev. Samuel Lady, Rev. Dale Ulery, Bishop C. N. Hostetter Jr.

Afternoon Service: "Building the Church" Prof. Earl Miller, Rev. Benton Junkens, Rev. Elwood Flewelling, Roger Witter, Dorcas Lady, Bishop Luke Keefer, Bishop Henry Ginder, Rev. Albert Engle, Rev. Samuel Lady

Evening Service: "The Church Communing" Song, devotion and praise with Bishop Henry Ginder in charge of the communion service.

Hungarian Refugees

MCC is prepared to receive expressions of interest from people who desire to sponsor a Hungarian refugee immigrant to be registered for future placement.

Immigrations will be processed by Church World Service, who will cooperate with MCC in bringing Hungarians to the United States as recommended by MCC workers in Austria.

CWS said most refugees coming to the United States are young men whose family ties have been broken. There will be no orphans or other children in these movements.

Also there will be few, if any, farm families because the people now coming are from the student or bureaucratic brackets who rebelled against the existing social order in Hungary. Most of them formerly lived in cities.

Of the more than 21,500 refugees coming to the United States, it is believed approximately 4,000 will be protestants. This is based on percentages already applicable to those who have arrived.

At the present time there are many more offers from sponsors than immigrants. First arrivals will have adequate care, but the problem of sponsorship might be more difficult later.

CWS has been advised that it may call on MCC at any time to help resettle refugees, particularly protestants who are skilled in small manufacturing or agriculture.

MCC is also expanding its relief operations in Austria. Financial contributions for Hungarian refugees may be sent to MCC through respective conference offices.

Jordan

The land of Christ's birth will be relatively silent for Christmas 1956 as traditional pilgrimages reportedly will not be permitted because of uncertain political conditions.

MCC relief workers in Jordan who are headquartered in Old Jerusalem probably will be among the few Americans in the city on Christmas day. Most of the MCC Jordan team have returned to their previous places of service following a temporary stay in Lebanon during the Suez Canal crisis.

Bessie Plant (Edmonton, Alta.), who transferred to Jordan from Taiwan just before the crisis, is now serving in a home for aged invalids near Bethlehem.

Austria

A camp for Hungarian refugees is being set up by the MCC Vienna team in addition to cooperative material aid distributions with other relief agencies.

It is expected that this type of service to refugees will provide good opportunity for spiritual and personalized Christian care. Irene Bishop (Perkasie, Pa.), the Vienna director, is in charge. The camp is to be staffed with five persons, including Pax men.

More than 120,000 Hungarians have crossed into Austria from Hungary, making the refugee situation there critical. It is reported that the Red Cross has medical needs well-in-hand as the majority of the refugees are healthy. New shipments of material aid to Vienna have been made by MCC.

MCC is accepting financial contributions marked "Hungary" through conference offices. Contributions of clothing should not be designated specifically for Hungary, but should be unmarked to facilitate processing (this corrects earlier statements).

Japan

Japan has afforded widespread opportunities for teaching, writing and witnessing in the area of Christian peace for Melvin Gingerich (Goshen, Ind.), the peace section's "ambassador" there.

Such opportunities have opened in Mennonite missions, other Christian groups and Christian schools, plus groups and individuals who are not Christian but seek light on their problems and are receptive to the Christian message.

It is reported Japan has an inadequate amount of Christian literature concerning Christian peace. Arrangements are underway for the translation into Japanese of J. A. Toews' booklet "True Nonresistance Through Christ."

Russia Delegation

The Mennonite Church in Russia is still alive and appears to be experiencing a renaissance.

This is the impression reported by Harold S. Bender (Goshen, Ind.) and David B. Wiens (Saskatoon, Sask.) upon their arrival in the United States following a three-weeks visit in the Soviet Union as representatives of North American Mennonites under the sponsorship of MCC.

Bender and Wiens had interviews with individual Mennonites in Russia who indicated a renewed interest in the Church following many years of tribulation when the Mennonite brotherhood was dispersed into many parts of the Soviet Union.

There are a few congregations but no organized Mennonite Church in the country, they reported. Initial leadership in some localities is being taken by women as there are few men with their families above age 30.

Bender and Wiens said materially the Mennonites in Russia are getting along satisfactorily and they do not need packages of food and clothing sent to them. Rather, they appreciate receiving Bibles.

Bender and Wiens fellowshiped in Baptist churches where many Mennonites worship. Russian Baptist young people asked greetings to be given to American and Canadian young people. Many Baptist churches attended by Bender and Wiens had large numbers of young people in the congregation.

Switzerland

The production of Christian educational literature for Europe continues at Agape Verlag in Basel, Switzerland, by an international team of writers, editors, translators and printers.

During the past year three complete printed courses and one temporary course in German were issued. Three courses were produced in French. A total of 10,000 pupil's manuals and 2000 teacher's manuals came off the press in French and German during the year.

Distribution centers were set up at Frankfurt, Germany, and at Montbeliard, France. Distributions are also being arranged for Belgium.

West Germany

Procedures are taking form for the unprecedented alternative service program in West Germany's new conscription law, according to Paul Bender (Goshen, Ind.) and

Ernst Harder (Newton, Kans.) who attended a committee meeting on this matter.

It is possible that sizeable numbers of persons will claim to be conscientious objectors when conscription begins in 1957, Bender said. There seems to be a healthy interest among church people, he added.

Details of the alternative service program are yet to be worked out but preliminary action has been taken by the Committee for Conscientious Objector Questions, which the two men attended. It drew up a memorandum covering its wishes for provisions of the program. This will be distributed to members of parliament and other officials. An informational statement on the plan is to be distributed to draft-age men.

A full-time secretary is planned for the committee's continuing communication with the government. Bender said the chief handicap to the committee is the lack of an integrated constituency backing for united interest and for financial backing.

Peace leaders hope to set up counseling centers where alternative service recruits can receive information and help with conscription problems. As plans now stand, each conscientious objector registrant will appear privately before an area tribunal to be recognized for alternative service.

BIRTHS

"Children are an heritage of the Lord"

HEFFLEY—A son, James Richard, was born to Bro. and Sr. Ralph Heffley of Mastersonville, Pa. on Nov. 19, 1956. Sr. Heffley was the former Ruth Wenger.

WINGERT—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wingert, members of the New Guilford congregation, Chambersburg, Pa., are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Carolyn Ruth on Dec. 4, 1956.

RICHARDSON—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Richardson, Stayner, Ont., announce the birth of a son, David Gary, on July 31; a brother for Sharon and Donna.

SWALM—Mr. and Mrs. Ray L. Swalm of the Nottawa congregation are the happy parents of a daughter, Luanne Kim, born on Sept. 5, 1956.

BAKER—Mr. and Mrs. Orville Baker of the Nottawa congregation are happy to announce the arrival of Charles Lewis on Oct. 9, 1956; a brother for Fern and Lucille.

CHRISTNER—Mr. and Mrs. Owen Christner welcomed Mary into their home April 4, 1956; a sister for Viola, Ralph, Arlene and Elaine.

RADER—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rader announced the birth of Janet Louise, Oct. 10, 1956.

HERSHBERGER—Rev. and Mrs. Atlee Hershberger (Janet Musser) announced the birth of a son, Timothy Lynn, Oct. 2, 1956.

MUSSER—To Earl and Lois (Brecht) Musser, Bulawayo, South Africa, a daughter, Faith B., on October 11, 1956.

MISHLER—Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick Mishler of Nappanee, Indiana are happy at the arrival of James Allen on Oct. 18, 1956.

LYTLE—Mr. and Mrs. Benton Lytle, (nee Dorothy Winger), Sepulveda, Calif., announce the birth of a son, John Steven, Nov. 4, 1956.

SOLLENBERGER—Bro. and Sr. Jacob L. Sollenberger, R. R. 4, Chambersburg, Pa., welcomed into their home a new son, Nelson Ray, born November 27, 1956.

WENGER—The arrival of a new daughter, Donna Rhea, born November 24, 1956, is announced by Bro. and Sr. Blair E. Wenger, Chambersburg, Pa., R. R. 3.

OBITUARIES

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

SWITZER—Anna M. Blum Switzer, daughter of Konrad and Mary Blum, was born November 21, 1896, near Manson, Iowa, and slipped away to be with her Saviour December 2, 1956, at Weatherford Hospital at the age of 60 years and 11 days. She came with her parents to Oklahoma in 1908.

On January 8, 1925, she was united in marriage with David Switzer.

At an early age she accepted Christ as her Saviour and in 1925 was baptized and became a member of the Brethren in Christ Church to which she remained a faithful member to the end.

Surviving are her husband, David; four daughters, Edna, now serving as a missionary in Southern Rhodesia, Africa, Marie, Clinton, Oklahoma, Lavina, Nappanee, Indiana, Nellie (Mrs. Jason Zook), Abilene, Kansas, and two grandchildren. Also four sisters Lena and Minnie Blum, Weatherford, Oklahoma, Frieda Miller, Hydro, Oklahoma, Esther Crawford, Clinton, Oklahoma; one brother, John Blum, Hydro, Oklahoma and many nephews, nieces, other relatives, and a host of friends. Her father, mother and one sister preceded her in death.

By her death the home has lost a loving mother, one who was especially concerned about her family, and during her illness was very patient, keeping her faith anchored in God.

"Mother, thou hast left us lonely,
Sorrow fills our hearts today,
But we hope ere long to meet thee,
Where all tears are wiped away."

Funeral services conducted Dec. 5 at Bethany Brethren in Christ Church, Thomas, Okla.,

Rev. Ray G. Smee, pastor, officiating, assisted by Bishop Alva Swartzendruber, pastor of Hydro, Okla., Mennonite church. Burial in Bethany cemetery adjoining church.

WALLS—Wife of Rev. W. Hayden Walls of Canoe Creek, Williamsburg, Pa., died at the Mercy hospital, Nov. 8, 1956. She was born in Frankstown township Jan. 9, 1891, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Free, and married Mr. Walls in 1913 at Huntingdon, Pa. Surviving are her husband, three children, Mrs. Grace Colbert of Bellefonte, Pa., Mrs. Ruth Neal of Great Falls, Mont., and William of Canoe Creek; two brothers Maxwell Free of Lakemont, Altoona, Pa., Blair Free of Bakers Summit, Pa., a half sister and 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Sr. Walls was a member of the Brethren in Christ Church at Canoe Creek.

Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church, Canoe Creek at 2:30 o'clock on Nov. 11, in charge of Rev. Herman G. Miller, assisted by Rev. S. Wilson. Text taken from I Cor. 15:51-58. Interment in the Canoe Creek cemetery.

LAUVER—Sr. Junie Anna Lauver, daughter of the late Eld. Solomon and Phoebe Lauver, quietly slipped away to be with Jesus Nov. 25th at her home after an illness of two weeks, aged 62 years, 4 months, 26 days.

Surviving are the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. Samuel (Emma) Engle, Ella M. Lauver, Eld. Harvey S. Lauver, all of Mifflintown, Pa., Miles S. Lauver, Mt. Joy, Pa., Mrs. Oscar (Carrie) Stern, Roaring Springs, Pa., Samuel S. and Joy A. Lauver, both of Thompsonstown, Pa.

Sr. Lauver was a faithful member of the Cedar Grove congregation for 41 years. Her beautiful Christian life was an inspiration to all who knew her and she will be greatly missed in the home and church.

Funeral services were held Nov. 28th in charge of her pastor Eld. J. Edgar Keefer, assisted by Eld. Paul Goodling. Text, Mark 14:8.

Items from the News

In Ecuador, a Catholic priest has tried to establish contact with the Aucas, the savage Indian tribe who murdered five evangelical missionaries last January. Arriving at the spot where the missionaries had established their camp along the Curaray River, according to a Senda news report, the priest cut down the tree where their tree-house was built. It appears that his purpose was to make future landings impossible, for the tree fell across the landing strip. Friendly Indians of another tribe report that the priest has offered them many gifts and that he is making an effort to establish direct contact with the Aucas.

(In recent weeks, pilot John Keenan, who replaced the martyred Nate Saint, has been flying over Auca villages that were discovered after the death of the five. He reports that the famous "George," the Auca man who visited the martyrs' camp with his two companions, always appears friendly and that he has in his possession the model airplane which was last seen floating in the water near the bodies of the murdered missionaries. It has been noted that the Auca houses are adorned with the tin strips which were used to cover the graves of the martyrs.)

Missions In America

City Missions

Chicago Mission: 6039 S. Halsted Street, Chicago 21, Illinois; Telephone—Wentworth 6-7122; Rev. Carl Carlson, Mrs. Avas Carlson, Misses Alice Albright, Sara Brubaker, Grace Sider

Detroit (God's Love Mission): 1524 Third St., Detroit, Michigan; Parsonage: 3986 Humboldt St., Detroit 8, Michigan; Telephone—Tyler 5-1470; Rev. Paul Hill, Mrs. Evelyn Hill, Rev. Ralph Palmer, Mrs. Esther Palmer

Harrisburg (Messiah Lighthouse Chapel): 1175 Bailey St., Harrisburg, Pa.; Telephone—Harrisburg CEdar 2-6488; Rev. Joel Carlson, Mrs. Faith Carlson, Misses Elizabeth Kanode, Beulah Lyons; Richard Gordon, assistant pastor

Los Angeles (Door of Hope Mission): Fifth and Wall Streets, Los Angeles, Calif. Served from the Upland congregation

Philadelphia Mission: 3423 N. Second St., Philadelphia 40, Pa.; Telephone—NEbraska 4-6431; Rev. William Rosenberry, Mrs. Anna Rosenberry, Miss Anita Brechbill

San Francisco (Life-Line Gospel Mission): 224 Sixth St., San Francisco 3, Calif.; Parsonage, Guerrero St., San Francisco 10, Calif. Telephone—UNderhill 1-4820; Rev. Avery Heisey, Mrs. Emma Heisey

Rural Missions

Bloomfield, New Mexico, c/o Blanco Trading Post (Navajo Indian Mission); Telephone—Farmington ZM 82373; Rev. J. Wilmer Heisey, Mrs. Velma Heisey, Dr. Alvin Heisey, Mrs. Maxine Heisey, Mr. Charles Myers, Jr., Mrs. Peggy Myers, Misses Rosa Eyster, Martha Long, Dorothy Charles, Jane Monn, Rachel Eshelman, Urania Williams, Joan Byer, Two Indian Interpreters, Earl Wolgemuth I-W, Marion Heisey I-W

Ella, Kentucky: Rev. Elam Dohner, Mrs. Helen Dohner

Meath Park Station, Saskatchewan, Canada, (North Star Mission); Rev. Lorne Lichty, Mrs. Jean Lichty

Walsingham Center, Ontario, Canada; Parsonage: Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada; Rev. Arthur Heisey, Mrs. Verna Heisey

Mission Pastorates

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Parsonage, 3014 Sierra Drive, N.E., Albuquerque, N. M.; Telephone—4-0414; Rev. Paul Wingerd

Allisonia, Virginia (Farris Mines): Telephone—Pulaski 28628; Rev. Rupert Turman, Miss Edith Davidson

Altoona Church: Fifth Avenue and 37th St., Altoona, Pa.; Rev. Gerald Wingert, 407-37th St., Altoona, Pa. Telephone—3-5527

Blair's Mills, Pa.: Rev. Roy Beltz, Orrstown, Pa., R. D. 1, Box 71

Blandburg, Pa.: Rev. Edward Hackman

Check, Va. (Adneys Gap): Rev. I. Raymond Conner

Collingwood, Ontario, Canada: Rev. Isaac Schmucker

Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada: To be supplied

Detroit Church: Myrtle St., Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Paul Hill, 3986 Humboldt St., Detroit 8, Michigan

Everett, Pa.: R. D. 2, (Clear Creek); Rev. Ross Morningstar, Telephone, Everett—369 J 21

Garlin, Ky.: Rev. Wilbur Benner

Gladwin, Mich.: Rev. Gary Lyons, Midland, Mich., R. D. 2

Grants Pass, Oregon (Redwood Country Church): Rev. Glen Diller, 1300 Highway 199, Grants Pass, Oregon

Hanover, Pa. (Conewago Church): Rev. Samuel Lady, Hanover, Pa., R. D. 4

Hollidaysburg, Pa., (Canoe Creek): Rev. Sheldon Wilson, R. 2

Hunlock Creek, Pa.: Rev. Thomas Bouch

Huron, California: Rev. Carl Wolgemuth, Box 66

Ickesburg, Pa., (Saville Church): Rev. Roy Musser

Iron Springs, Pa.: Rev. James Leshner, Grantham, Pa.

Kindersley, Sask., Canada: Rev. John Garman

Kittanning, Pa.: Rev. Norris Bouch, R. 2, Box 566, Altoona, Penna.

Knifey, Ky.: Rev. P. B. Friesen, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Peters, Voluntary Service Workers

Llewellyn, Pa.: Rev. Benton Junkins, 25 Mer-rin Rd., York, Penna.

Massillon, Ohio, (Christian Fellowship Mission): Eli Hostetter, Sr., 118 South Avenue, S.E., Massillon, Ohio

Mountain Chapel, (Ray's Cove) Rev. Jay Mac-Kie, Grantham, Pa.

Paddockwood, Saskatchewan, Canada: Rev. Maurice Moore

Ringgold, Md.: Rev. Herbert Hoover, Smith-burg, Md., R. D. 2

Saxton, Pa.: Rev. Glen Hostetter, Telephone, Saxton—52958

Shanesville, Ohio: Rev. Atlee Hershberger

Sherman's Valley, Pa.: Rev. Marlin Ressler, Hopewell, Pa., R. D.

Sparta, Tenn., R. D. 7 (De Rossett Church): Rev. Edgar Giles

Stowe, Pa.: Rev. John Bicksler, 527 Glasgow St., Stowe, Pa.; Telephone—Pottstown 1211J

Sylvatus, Va., (Bethel Church): Rev. John Schock; Telephone—Sylvatus 482

Three Springs, Pa., (Center Grove Chapel): Rev. Marion Walker

Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada:

Frogmore Church: Rev. Alonza Vannatter, Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada

Houghton Center Church: Rev. Basil Long, Langton, Ontario, Canada

Toronto Church, 150 Gamble St., Toronto 6, Ontario, Canada: Rev. Ronald Lofthouse, 231 Gamble St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Telephone—Gladstone 8383

Uniontown, Ohio: Rev. Joseph VanderVeer, 2396 E. Turkey Foot Lake Road, Akron 12, Ohio; Telephone—Akron—Oxford 9-3028

Mission Churches

Orlando, Fla.: Rev. Harold Wolgemuth, 1712 Cook St., Orlando, Fla.; Telephone—20789

Salem, Oregon, (Labish Community Church), 4522 Scott Road, Salem, Oregon: Rev. B. M. Books, Salem, Oregon, R. D. 2, Box 356 K

Bible Presbyterians Drop Dr. McIntire, 30 Other Ministers

The 20th General Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church met in Columbus, Ohio, last November 28-30, preceded by a special **pro re nata** Synod on November 27. Chief action taken was to discipline some 30 Bible Presbyterian ministers by "erasing" their names from official Bible Presbyterian rolls. The men were dropped for having participated in an "illegal" Synod in Collingswood, New Jersey, called by Dr. Carl A. McIntire, last November 23.

Dr. R. Laird Harris, Moderator of the 19th Synod, was chosen to continue in his office for the **pro re nata** meeting, which had been called to consider certain appeals and complaints of an administrative nature. This Synod also dealt with the matter of the rival Synod which had been called in Collingswood, New Jersey, by Dr. Carl A. McIntire, Moderator of the New Jersey Presbytery, together with the Moderators of two other presbyteries.

In Alaska, Missionary Everett Bachelder, affiliated with U. S. Plymouth Brethren, is preparing a gospel radio station. Living quarters for two missionary families are nearly completed and studio construction has begun. Bachelder plans to install a powerful transmitter which will reach all of Alaska and far into Siberia where he knows "there is a real hunger for the gospel among Eskimo folk," having spent a number of years in pioneer evangelistic work.

Mr. Superintendent

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tration a perfect circle as though made with a compass.

Effectiveness is dependent upon earnest and continuous study of the work. Preparation is unending. "He who would dare to lead must never cease to learn."

You are like a gardner—you prepare the soil, carefully plant the seed, and intelligently nourish growth. You know well enough God can only make the seed grow, but as you cooperate with God best results will be attained.

Jesus walked and talked with men and women sharing with them the experience of God. He talked to them in open, friendly, conversation of things pertaining to the kingdom of God. He left an indelible impression upon everyone who contacted Him. You too, Mr. Superintendent, must follow this plan and pattern in promoting the work of your school.

To promote the work of your school a general pattern of broad objectives must be outlined. These objectives will be determined by the size of your school, its needs, etc. A few suggested objectives might be:

1. To teach the Word and make it practical—the teaching standard must remain high.

2. To promote a feeling of warmth and wantedness in your school. It shall be a friendly school, a place so filled with Church and class spirit, and interest in others that it will draw people in.

3. It shall be a school of positive outreach into the community. A place where the program shall encompass the laity for training and action, a place that will stress conversion, "Change of heart" in her teaching and then turn around and assimilate the new born babes, train them and put them to work.

4. It shall be a school to promote proper attitudes. A school where there will be a zest for continued learning, a sincere belief that people want to learn and grow. It shall be a place where leadership will be developed to have confidence in their ability to organize and promote based upon broad general knowledge and diligent preparation.

To promote such a program takes vision, careful planning and hard work. Dreaming about such a program does not produce results.

A personal pastor friend of mine had polio in 1948. He was completely paralyzed from the hips down. After a number of months in the hospital he began to pray, "Lord, I want to walk." For fifteen days he prayed this prayer. One day the Lord said, "You can walk." My friend became fearful. "What if I should fall?" After a severe struggle he slipped out of bed. He did fall, but not until he had taken three painful, agonizing steps, and then he collapsed to the floor. This took courage, but through persistent effort, day by day he began to walk. Slowly at first, but now without the aid of crutches or a cane.

Amelia Earhart told her husband just before her fatal flight which was to take her around the world, "Each time we make a choice we pay with courage."

Yes, Mr. Superintendent, it is a thrill to plan and promote Kingdom business. A paycheck is not compensation for the effort expended in building a school. It cannot be, for the work done cannot be paid in dollars and cents. The compensation is in being a part of the great heart and plan of God—that of having a compassionate heart — of realizing your Sunday school is a mission activity.

It is missions to enroll men, women, boys and girls in Sunday school. To actively enlarge your Sunday school enrollment.

It is missions to develop attitudes in prayer, in heart, in giving, in thinking.

It is missions to encourage a soul, to inspire, direct, give hope, to share and be shared, to triumph with the triumphant, to erase tears and suffer to the hurt of others, to be everything to each.

Missions is a big project—it taxes your wisdom, your ability, your strength. But though you give of yourself, it is a big thing that boomerangs and you are enriched. Wealth that money cannot buy or bring.

Your work then in planning, with God, is based on three things.

1. Personal willingness to serve.

Hesitant service lacks power as it lacks heart.

2. Christian experience to share.

Readiness to teach and plan pre-eminently is based upon knowledge of what is to be communicated.

3. Effective communication to others.

Teaching, planning, and promoting, basically, is the art of communicating with others with the purpose of bringing about in others desirable changes in knowledge, attitudes, ideals and conduct.

You, Mr. Superintendent, with God, are an important person—

"The revealed truth of God is all we have to share, and all of that truth we can share is what we have come to possess personally."

Upland, Calif.